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REQUEST**FOR****CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application
filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)

Application Number	09/727,473
Filing Date	December 4, 2000
Confirmation Number	4380
First Named Inventor	Jaak Van den Spie
Group Art Unit	1742
Examiner Name	Ip, Sikyin
Attorney Docket Number	D-20867 (3011.1019-000)

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See *Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.*

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**a. [] Previously submitted**

- i. [] Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on [].
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. [] Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on [].
- iii. [] Other -- [].

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b. [X] Enclosed

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- i. [X] Amendment/Reply
- ii. [] Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. [X] Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. [X] Petition for Extension of Time - 3 month(s) with copy
- v. [X] Other -- Amendment Fee Transmittal with copy; Exhibit 1.

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Miscellaneous

- a. [] Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of [] months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. [] Other -- [].

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 CFR §1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR §1.114 when the RCE is filed.**a. [X] A check is enclosed for the following fees in the total amount of \$1,680.00**
OR

[] Authorization is granted to charge the following fees in the total amount of \$[] to Deposit Account No. 08-0380. A copy of this document is enclosed for accounting purposes

- i. [X] RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii. [X] Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. [] Amendment Fee
- iv. [] Other -- [].

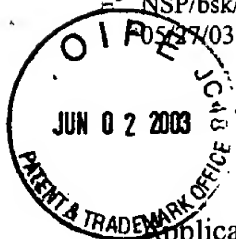
b. [X] Authorization is hereby granted to charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 08-0380. A copy of this document is enclosed for accounting purposes.**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY OR AGENT REQUIRED**

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Application No.: 09/727,473 Group: 1742
Filed: December 4, 2000 Examiner: Sikyin Ip
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For: Process and Apparatus for High Pressure Gas Quenching in an Atmospheric Furnace

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 for filing in the above-identified application.

- [] Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a Small Entity Statement previously submitted.
- [] A Small Entity Statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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SMALL ENTITY	
RATE	ADDIT. FEE
X \$ 9	\$
X \$42	\$
+ \$140	\$

OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY	
RATE	ADDIT. FEE
X \$18	\$ 0
X \$84	\$ 0
+ \$280	\$

OR

* not fewer than 20
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	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	\$	<u>750</u>
	_____	\$	_____
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☒ A general authorization is hereby granted to charge Deposit Account No. 08-0380 for any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 in order to maintain pendency of this application. A copy of this authorization is enclosed for accounting purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

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